

from the World Herald and quoting the World Herald apparently I am quoting Judge Krivosha. "The current method," Krivosha said, "allowing the Commission to make adjustments without destroying the individual we are going to do it to." Can you imagine that? You don't want to destroy this judge. Can you imagine this judge doing something so terribly wrong that if the public knew it you would destroy him? I certainly think and all you should certainly think that whatever this judge did wrong, Krivosha says by making it public it would destroy this individual. I don't think we want him sitting on the bench and deciding issues for us. If you go on down to the next to the last paragraph of the World Herald editorial it says, "A public...every six years has the opportunity to decide to vote whether a judge should be retained in office or turned out." How can people vote intelligently without knowing whether a judge has been reprimanded for misconduct? Now I say to you, Senators, there are lots of people in the State of Nebraska who rely on the press, radio, public radio, public TV and newspapers to know what is going on in the world. They don't hear it by the grapevine so they have to rely on the press to tell them what a judge is doing and not doing and that is just exactly what the World Herald said so perfectly. How are you going to judge a judge? How are you going to retain to have him come back in every six years if you don't know anything about him? Also there is the editorial that goes here in the Lincoln Journal put much better than I can speak here on the mike. You can read them for yourselves. But WOW came out with a comment too on this certain issue and I would like to read just a little bit of it for you. It says here, "Persons who enact, administer, interpret and enforce our public laws and policies live in the constant spotlight of public scrutiny and that is as it should be. Yet there is one group which escapes some of the rays of that spotlight. Nebraska court records and court proceedings for the most part are open to the public. Yet the judges who preside over Nebraska courts are protected by a fairly tight cloak of secrecy. Why shouldn't judges be treated the same as presidents, congress members, governors, mayors when there is a serious question about their behavior and their action in office? LR 235 now before the Nebraska Legislature would correct the inequity. It would place a